



INFORMATION FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

Immigrant Visa Section, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi

Website: <http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/>

You have received a letter scheduling an appointment for you to come to the embassy for an interview. All members of your family who will immigrate with you must also appear for an interview. Each applicant, regardless of age, requires a separate visa. If you cannot keep your visa appointment, please notify this office by email at:

infousdelhi@vfshelpline.com. **Please note that you will experience a lengthy delay before another appointment can be granted.**

BEFORE COMING FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW YOU MUST contact the nearest VFS office along with appointment letter and pay a COURIER FEE for each applicant. Though it is advisable to pay the courier fee 15 days prior to your visa interview, you can also pay the courier fee just one day prior to the date of your scheduled visa interview.

You need to bring in your original passports, your VFS fee receipt and your original appointment letter at the time of your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.

VFS OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE LISTED BELOW:

New Delhi

International Trade Tower S-2 Level
Nehru Place
New Delhi – 110019
Telephone number: 42220000

Jalandhar

U.S. Visa Application Centre 3rd floor,
The Axis, Near BMC Chowk, GT Road,
Jalandhar – 144001
Telephone number: 42220000

Chandigarh

SCO-186-187, Sector 8C Madhya Marg
Chandigarh – 160009
Telephone number: 42220000

NO ASSURANCE THAT VISA WILL BE ISSUED: No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued. A consular officer can make a decision only after your visa application and all documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed. You are advised not to make any travel arrangements, and not to dispose of your property or give up your job until the visa has been issued. If your visa application is refused, you will be given a refusal sheet that will indicate the basis for your refusal. If applicable, it will tell you what actions you could take to overcome the refusal. The visas are affixed inside each passport and the applicant is given a sealed envelope **which should be hand carried, UNOPENED**, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry.

VISA VALIDITY: Generally, an immigrant visa is valid for six months from the date of issuance, unless its validity is limited by medical or other restrictions. A visa may not be transferred from one person to another, or used by any person other than the one to whom issued.

AGE 21 NOTICE: If you or any other members of your family planning to immigrate is turning 21 years of age within the next three months, this may change your or family member's visa status. Under U.S. immigration law you may be considered an adult rather than a child. Please consult with the Consular Section if this will be an issue in your family's immigrant visa applications.

ABANDONED APPLICATIONS: Section 203(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his/her visa application within one year from the date he/she is informed that it is possible to do so. If you fail to do so within one year from the date of your interview, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be canceled.

SECURITY REGULATIONS at The U.S. Embassy New Delhi does not permit the following items to be carried into the Consulate:

- All battery operated or electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, digital diaries, pagers, cameras, audio/video cassettes, compact discs, MP3's, floppies, lap tops, palm tops or portable music players.
- Cigarettes / cigars / match boxes / lighters
- Any sharp object such as a pair of scissors, pen knives or nail filers



PASSPORT POLICE CERTIFICATES

All Immigrant Visa applicants aged 16 years and older must submit **ORIGINAL** police certificate that includes information regarding the applicant including all arrests, the reason for the arrest(s) and the disposition of each case(s). All Indian IV applicants aged 16 and above, residing in India, should obtain police certificates from the **Regional Passport Office**. **These certificates are valid for one year from the date of issuance. If the police certificate already submitted at NVC has expired, please bring a new police certificate to the visa interview.**

Applicants who have resided in any other country for one year or more after the age of 16 may also be required to submit **ORIGINAL** police certificates for these countries. Applicants may check the visa reciprocity table on the website: www.travel.state.gov regarding obtaining such certificates. U.S. police certificates are not required for applicants who have lived in the U.S.A.

Non-Indian immigrant visa applicants residing in India should obtain police certificates from the district police station serving their area of residence.

NOTE: Each applicant will need to bring the Interview letter provided by the National Visa Center in order to request the Passport Office Police Certificate from the Passport Office.



PHOTO INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS

You are requested to submit three photographs and make sure that the photograph complies with the following specifications for all applicants:

- The photograph must be an unmounted full-face photo taken within the last six months. The photograph must be full front view, taken facing the camera – no side or angled views are acceptable.
- The photograph should measure 2 inches square (roughly 50 mm square) with the head centered in the frame. The head (measured from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin) should measure between 1 inch to 1 3/8 inches (28 mm and 35 mm) from the bottom of the photo.
- The photograph may either be in color or black and white, but must have only a plain white background. Photos with colored, dark or patterned backgrounds will not be accepted. Photos should be printed without borders.
- For persons wearing glasses, there must be no reflection around the eyes; photos with reflections will not be accepted. Head coverings are acceptable only due to religious beliefs and then only when the applicant's face is completely exposed. Photographs of applicants wearing tribal and other headgear not specifically religious in nature are not acceptable. Also photographs of military, airline and other personnel in uniforms are not acceptable.

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